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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF MANSOUR KHALID

1. WISH TO ALERT DEPARTMENT AND AID TO VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK OF DR. MANSOUR KHALID WHO IS ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI FOR COORDINATION AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SUPERVISOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF PRESIDENCY. HE IS KEY ADVISOR TO NIMEIRI ON BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH US AND IS OVERSEEING GOS FOLLOW-UP AND COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES EMANATING FROM NIMEIRI'S VISIT TO US LAST JUNE. GENERALLY AGREED HERE THAT KHALID WAS ARCHITECT OF THAT VISIT AND HAS BEEN MOST IMPORTANT FIGURE BEHIND PRESENT GOS POLICIES FAVORING CLOSER TIES WITH US AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT.

2. KHALID WILL BE IN US TO PARTICIPATE IN PRIVATELY-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON ARABS AND AMERICA WHICH WILL BE HELD AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. WHILE IN WASHINGTON HE PROBABLY WILL WISH TO SEE SENIOR DEPARTMENT AND AID OFFICIALS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DENG THAT SUDAN EMBASSY IN

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WASHINGTON WILL BE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS FOR KHALID.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: BELIEVE VISIT WILL PROVIDE
USEFUL OCCASION FOR TOP DEPARTMENT AND AID OFFICIALS
TO DISCUSS CURRENT US-SUDAN DEVELOPMENTS WITH VERY
IMPORTANT GOS OFFICIAL. STRONGLY URGE THAT APPOINTMENTS
BE MADE WITH APPROPRIATELY HIGH OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.
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